the farmers by way of writing off loans in times of successive natural calamities.

Inter-ministerial Committee for the problems of elderly persons

1864 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an inter-ministerial Committee is considering the problems related to the elderly persons and also the suggestions of the Round Table Conference If so what programme for action and longterm policy it has envisaged.

(b) when did the Round Table Conference take place, who had participated in it, what were its suggestions and how do these compare with the amenities that the elderly persons receive in the U. K and the USA; and

(c) when was the inter-ministerial committee constituted, who are its members, how many meetings it has held and the specific work done by it so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON) (a) Yes, Sir The committee is required to submit its report by September, 1989

(b) A Round Table discussion was held in December, 1986. The discussion was neither organised nor sponsored 'by the Ministry of Welfare and, therefore no record of participants is maintained by this Ministry The suggestions related to the various welfare aspects of the welfare of the aged No comparison has been made with the amenities in the U K and USA

(c) Inter-ministerial Committee was constituted on 18 September 1987 It is an official committee consisting of ex-officio members representing the Ministry of Welfare, Health, Labour, Transport, Urban Development, Finance, Rural Development, Planning Commission and Deptt. of Education, Personnel So far, two meetings of the Committee have been held.

Demands of States for relief measures to meet natural calamities

1865 SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the demands of various States and Union Territories for relief measures to meet the devastation caused by natural calamities during each of the last three years and the current year, yearwise, what were the amounts recommended by the Central Teams and what were the amounts sanctioned by the Central Government to different States and on which accounts,

(b) what amounts were actually released and what were the utilisation rates, and

(c) the guidelines in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

Increase in milk prices

1866. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) what was the selling prices of milk in Delhi sold by DMS as on September 8